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REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

May 31, 2001

Sir:

In reply to the Examiner's Final Office Action dated December 4, 2000, the period for response having been extended 3 (three) months to June 4, 2001, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

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**AMENDMENTS**

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 14 and 15 without prejudice or disclaimer of any of the subject matter contained therein.